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ABSORBENT CORE

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rule 1.56 and MPEP Section 2001.06(a), the reference listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, was first cited in the Written Opinion for the corresponding International Application, No. PCT/US01/48373, and is hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of the subject patent application. An English language version of the Written Opinion, Form PCT/IPEA/408, is also enclosed.

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Form PTO-1449 (1 page) is enclosed with a copy of the reference cited on Form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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